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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL VISITORS PROGRAM FOR RAI OFFICIALS

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1. WE UNDERSTAND AND CONCUR COMPLETELY RE GAI/SOMMERS  
ROLE AS PROJECT COORDINATOR IN U.S. MAZZAGLIA ACCOMPANIES  
IV GROUP AS OBSERVER, TO PICK UP BACKGROUND VALUABLE FOR  
HIS OWN WORK. FYI: WE ARE PROPOSING TO USIA ADDITIONAL  
TWO-WEEK VISIT BY MAZZAGLIA FOR FURTHER STUDY AND BACKGROUND.

2. GROUP WILL REQUIRE 15 SINGLE AND 10 DOUBLE HOTEL ROOMS.  
WILL ADVISE ANY CHANGES.

3. RAI OFFICIALS ARE AWARE THAT THERE WILL NOT BE CLOSE  
CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN \$ 50 PER DIEM ALLOWANCE AND ACTUAL  
EXPENSES, ESPECIALLY WHILE IN NEW YORK, AND THEY HAVE BEEN  
INFORMED ABOUT CITY TAXES AND OTHER CHARGES WHICH WILL  
INCREASE QUOTED HOTEL PRICES. RAI OFFICIALS WITH WHOM  
WE ARE DEALING ARE VERY RELAXED ABOUT THESE EXPENSES QUESTIONS  
AND ARE FAR MORE CONCERNED ABOUT GOOD IMPACT OF  
HAVING EXCELLENT NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON ACCOMMODATIONS.  
THEREFORE, REQUEST WALDORF ASTORIA AND STATLER HILTON  
BOOKING BE MADE SOONEST TO AVOID LOSING BENEFITS OF LOWRATE  
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ARRANGEMENTS INITIATED HERE.

4. APPRECIATE PROGRAM DETAILS, WHICH HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO RAI. WE ARE DETERMINING SUBSTANTIVE INTERESTS EACH IV AND INTEREST IN PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMMING IN SUBJECT AREAS MENTIONED REFTEL. WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO FORWARD RESPONSES THIS WEEK. ALSO CHECKING VTR COMPATIBILITY QUESTIONS.

5. RAI MATERIALS, BOTH VTR AND PRINTED, WILL ARRIVE U.S. BY OCTOBER 12. RAI OFFICIALS WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING IN ADVANCE CURRENT PAPERS WHICH HAVE BEEN PREPARED IN U.S. ANY DETAILS OF SCHEDULE, INCLUDING SOCIAL EVENT, WHICH COULD BE FORWARDED WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED.

6. GROUP PLANS NEW YORK ARRIVAL OCTOBER 26 AND WASHINGTON DEPARTURE NOVEMBER 8. EIGHT DAYS OF SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAMMING PLUS SEVERAL DAYS FOR VISITING INTERESTING AMERICAN SITES IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON AREAS, AND FOR INFORMAL MEETINGS, APPEARS TO BE EXCELLENT COMBINATION.

7. RAI ANXIOUS TO LEARN HOW MANY U.S. PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS ARE ANTICIPATED AND THEIR IDENTITY, SINCE THEY WISH TO MAKE THIS A TRUE EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE AND ARE SELECTING SEVERAL HOURS OF THEIR PROGRAMMING FOR VIEWING BY GENUINELY INTERESTED AMERICANS. AMERSON

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